

OWEN DEVINE.

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Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 1253.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1253) granting a pension to Owen Devine, have examined the same and report:

The records of the War Department show that this soldier was enrolled on the 14th of October, 1862, as a private in Company F, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out June 6, 1865.

He was wounded in the service. June 28, 1880, he applied for pension and was allowed \$4 from date of filing. A reissue was allowed at \$4, from June 7, 1865; \$8, from April 3, 1884; \$10, from May 28, 1887, and \$17 from October 1, 1890, for wound and resulting disease of heart. April 8, 1892, claim for increase and results was rejected. July 2, 1892, he filed another claim for increase and results, which was rejected May 24, 1893.

Medical examinations report as follows: May 6, 1885, rated total for hernia. March 20, 1889, rated eight-eightieths for hernia, and eight-eightieths for rheumatism. October 1, 1890, rated fourteen-eightieths for hernia, two-eightieths for disease of heart, and four-eightieths for rheumatism. September 23, 1891, rated fourteen-eightieths for hernia, six-eightieths for rheumatism, four-eightieths for disease of heart. November 9, 1892, last examination, he was rated two-eightieths for disease of eyes, two-eightieths for bad teeth, eight-eightieths for disease of heart, ten-eightieths for hernia.

The board said: "His disability is equal to loss of foot or hand."

Soldier is represented as being physically in bad shape and very needy. A small increase seems warranted, and accordingly your committee recommend the passage of the bill, with the following amendments:

In lines 4 and 5 strike out the words "at the rate of twenty-four dollars per month" and substitute the words "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws."

Add to the bill the words "and pay him a pension at the rate of twenty dollars per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

